

JTRS Program Office Receives Award

Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Materiel Readiness Allen Beckett recently presented the Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award to the Army-led Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Program Office. The award recognizes standardization efforts that demonstrably promote interoperability, reduced total ownership costs, or improved readiness. The JTRS team developed standard software communications architecture for use in all future DOD tactical radio designs. For the first time ever, the military Services will use common waveforms and software-defined radios that act and are modified like computers.

Emery Receives Attorney Of The Year Award

Patrick J. Emery, an employee of the Army Research Laboratory (ARL), has received the Army Materiel Command's (AMC's) 2002 Joyce I. Allen Attorney of the Year Award. Emery is considered the Army's expert in the use of cooperative agreements that combine government, industry, and academia resources.

Emery was presented the award by AMC Commander GEN Paul J. Kern during a recent ceremony related to the AMC Continuing Education Legal Program in Florida. In addition to receiving a certificate of achievement and a personal plaque, Emery keeps the AMC rotating plaque for 1 year. The award commemorates the work of Joyce I. Allen, who was an AMC attorney.

This award recognizes the civilian or military attorney or patent advisor selected by the awards committee for outstanding accomplishments or professional achievements in the service of the legal profession and the community.

Emery was cited for his innovative service in helping implement ARL's very successful Federated Laboratory (FedLab) Program as well as for his role as ARL Collaborative Technology Alliances (CTA) Program counsel for the past 2 years. The CTA Program is the follow-on to the FedLab Program that represented an experimental approach in Army research and development. FedLab established a cooperative research environment for scientists and engineers from government, industry, and academia that flourished for 5 years.

The CTA Program expanded the original three FedLab research areas to five, and Emery, with his FedLab experience, was integrated into the CTA Program planning process. Among the improvements he recommended were extending the program from 5 to 8 years duration and simultaneous competition for the award of research cooperative agreements and technology transition contracts for each of the research areas. The purpose of the technology transition contracts are to provide incentives to transition the research results while still performing under the cooperative agreement. Emery has been instrumental in negotiating other joint research agreements in areas ranging from high performance computing to electric gun technologies.

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